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Newsletter for the week commencing 27th October 2024

Thirtieth Sunday (B)

Entrance antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31: 7-9

Psalm 125 Response What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Second Reading: The letter to the Hebrews 5: 1-6

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52

Communion antiphon: We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Father Behr writes:

Dear Parishioners

All Saints and All Souls

The Solemnity of All Saints falls on Friday 1 November and we have Holy Mass at 10am and 7.30pm. It is an holy day of obligation.

For All Souls on Saturday 2 November there is Mass at 10am.

The usual time for Confession on Saturday morning will be slightly later after Mass has finished.

It is a great work of mercy to come and pray for the dead.

The month of November is dedicated to praying for the dead and so we have Blessing of Graves on Sunday 17 November 3pm. If you have family or friends buried in Tenterden cemetery then we will have a prayer and blessing at each grave.

See this for powerful prayers for the Holy Souls.

<https://ewtn.co.uk/chpop-5-powerful-prayers-for-the-poor-souls-in-purgatory-every-catholic-should-know/>

The Catechism of the Catholic Church Teaches:

“All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.” (CCC 1030)

Our prayers are vital for our deceased family and friends. It is particularly recommended to offer Holy Mass for our loved ones. Mass intention envelopes are available or speak to me if you would like Mass offered for your deceased family members or friends.

Fr Behr

Your Prayers are asked for:

Recently deceased: Sally Setchell RIP

Those ill or infirm: Bishop John Hine, Roger Styles, Mary Basher, Paul Rumball, Paul Lane, Mara McDermot, June Munton, Ailish Cantwell (Jones), Sylwia Dorosz, Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Patricia Hook, Josie Payne, Pat Holland and all those who are unwell and in need of our prayers.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Sheila Hoskyns, Katherine Keane, John Philips, Clive Holland, Marie Witham, Charles Carlson, Ross Smith, Maureen Gilberto, John Dumbleton, Arthur Mollett, Lucy Mullins, Joseph Venables and Eric Ronald Booth.

Masses and services for the week (27th OCTOBER to 2nd NOVEMBER), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.	
Saturday 26th October Sts Chad and Cess, Bishops	No public Mass am 10.30 -11am Confession 6pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> Reader: Wendy
Sunday 27th October THIRTIETH SUNDAY (B)	10am Mass <i>Campbell Family</i> Reader: Suzanne? 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass
Monday 28th October Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles	10am Mass <i>Dakota Wellbeing</i>
Tuesday 29th October Feria	No Mass
Wednesday 30th October Feria	10am Service of Word and Communion
Thursday 31st October Feria	9am-10am Adoration 10am Mass <i>In Reparation (Margaret)</i>
Friday 1st November ALL SAINTS Holiday of Obligation	10am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> 7.30pm Mass <i>Canon Jeremiah Cronin RIP</i>
Saturday 2nd November The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls)	10am Mass All Souls <i>Fr Philip Dyson RIP</i> 10.30 -11am Confession 6pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> Reader: Lorraine
Sunday 3rd November THIRTY-FIRST Sunday (B)	10am Mass <i>Holy Souls (Margaret)</i> Reader: Rachel 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass
Flowers: for Saturday 2nd/3rd November - Kathy	

Confession Fr Behr is available for Confession every Saturday from 10.30am - 11am. He is also happy to visit those who are not able to come to church.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy at the 10am Mass is on the first Sunday of every month. All children who have not made their First Holy Communion are welcome to attend. The next lesson with Lorraine is **next** Sunday, November 3rd

As you may know, the Jubilee Year of 2025 is set to begin on 24th December 2024 and will formally close on 6th January 2026, the Feast of the Epiphany. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope".

AFTERNOON FOR READERS – To introduce the new translation for the Lectionary. To address questions such as: Why the change in translation? How is it different from the translation we're using now? What different sorts of translation are there? What does it mean in practice, for readers? How is the Lectionary arranged? Also, an opportunity to reflect on some broader questions: The Word of God in the life of the Church. How we understand the Old Testament in the light of our faith in Christ. Led by Bishop Paul Hendricks.

VENUE: Church hall of St. Thomas of Canterbury, 59 Burgate, Canterbury, Kent. CT1 2HJ. **Saturday 2nd November**, 2pm to 4pm. The hall will be open from 1pm, for anyone who might like to come early and bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee available.

THE CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES - The CCRS is a knowledge-based, internationally recognised qualification that provides participants with an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic faith. It enhances the understanding that education within the Church is a life-long process which leads to greater intimacy with Jesus Christ. This course presents the basic foundational teachings of the Catholic Church in a manner that is captivating, inspiring, and applicable. The CCRS is designed and intended to support the Archbishop's vision of missionary parishes and schools by cultivating an evangelistic spirit. Participants will be equipped to make an informed and practical contributions to their chosen field of ministry within the Church. Please visit aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs for further information. Closing date for applicants this year is 4 November 2024.

The Archbishop's Certificate: The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course incorporating three in person study days for all in Southwark who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy. *"The course has given me a deeper knowledge and understanding about the Catholic faith, inspiring and enabling me to explain to others with quiet confidence what I firmly believe to be the truth."* The Archbishop's Certificate is in accord with Archbishop John Wilson's vision for a missionary archdiocese and is open to all who work towards this.

The course will commence **on 12 October 2024** with an introductory zoom session and the first in person session will take place **on 19 October 2024** at St George's Cathedral. Further details can be found here: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>. If you have any questions please email archcert@aec.rcaos.org.uk

Save the date: Archdiocesan Jubilee celebration - 7 June 2025. On Saturday 7 June 2025, there will be an Archdiocesan Jubilee celebration at Aylesford Priory. This event will also mark the 60th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Southwark. We will be sharing more details about this exciting event in due course.

CAFOD Emergency Appeal

Donate to the Middle East Humanitarian Appeal to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need.

Your donation will help local aid workers to give urgent, practical help to families in Lebanon and Gaza, the West Bank and Israel, and quickly respond to other emergencies around the world.

<https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/middle-east-humanitarian-appeal>

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED is running a campaign to raise interest in the plight of **Christians in Burkina Faso**- see [Aid to the Church in Need | BURKINA FASO: Church helping thousands of Christians forced into exile \(acnuk.org\)](#)

Father/Emeritus Bishop John Hine

Following his surgery, he has now been moved to Abbotsleigh Care Home in Staplehurst. Sister Anne suggests that he may find visitors very distressful, as his mental capacity has deteriorated very severely. However, on a practical note, and in addition to your prayers, you might like to be able to give her a lift to visit him on a regular basis. If you are willing to be on a list of potential car drivers, please let Jolyon know.

Baby Basics

Churches Together in Tenterden is co-ordinating local support for the Baby Basics initiative, which is being lead by the Church in the Weald.

Baby Basics is a volunteer-led project aiming to support new mothers and families who are struggling to meet the financial and practical burden of looking after a new baby.

Baby Basics provides much needed essentials and equipment to mothers and families who are unable to provide these items for themselves; including but not limited to teenage mums, people seeking asylum and women fleeing domestic abuse and trafficking.

Working with midwives, health visitors and other professional groups to provide support directly where it is most needed, Baby Basics volunteers lovingly collect, sort and package a 'Moses Basket' of clothing, toiletries and essential baby equipment as an attractive gift to new mothers.

The aim is to help these new mothers practically and generously, demonstrating the love of God through our care. God is at the centre of Baby Basics as we are inspired and motivated by His heart for everyone. Every day we continue – and every item we send out, is thanks to His kindness, grace and provision.

Our vision is based on Matthew 25:37-40:

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

If you are willing to source/make new or second hand baby clothes or have baby/new mother toiletries (Knitted goods very welcomed) , please pop them in the box in the porch.

Women of the Nativity

There will be a series of reflective services for the Advent/Christmas time on Saturday mornings. Please look out for the publicity material, which will be available shortly.

Town Ecumenical Carol Service

Wednesday 18th December at 7:30pm in Saint Mildred's Church

Community Carols

Open Air event on the afternoon of Friday 20th December. The venue is being finalised.

Parish News

Many of you may already be familiar with the monthly 'Parish News' that is produced by the Church of England in Tenterden, Rother and Oxney (TRO). From January this year, two parishioners from St. Andrew's, Rachel and Martin Heinrichsmeier, have been on the editorial team for this publication. The November edition of 'Parish News' will be their debut as editors!

Including people from other Christian churches in Tenterden is part of a vision of ecumenism and unity. As Lindsay Hammond and Jeanette Kennett, Rector and Vicar of TRO, write in their kind welcome to Rachel's and Martin's first edition: 'This shared work is just one symbol of the warm and friendly relationship between all the churches in our bit of God's kingdom.' It's a closeness that stems right back to the early days of post-reformation Catholicism in Tenterden: in 1913, the Catholic Missionary Society wanted to offer a week's mission to Catholics in Tenterden Town Hall. The town authorities feared anti-Catholic protests, but with the support of the Vicars of St. Mildred's and St. Michael's, the meetings went ahead (without disturbances).

A few copies of the November edition will be available to view (and purchase – cost £1) in the Porch when it is published from the end of October. If you would like to subscribe, please contact Anne Cheesman (01580 764976). As time goes on, more news from St. Andrew's will be included (for example, it's planned to include a brief history of St. Andrew's in a future edition); and St. Andrew's parishioners will also be able to contribute to the publication, thereby helping support the togetherness of Christians in Tenterden that is the antidote to the instinctual fear of 'the other'.